

Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Sherwin Linton is a native of Volga, South Dakota, born on July 28, 1939; and,

Whereas, Sherwin made his first radio appearance in 1950 on KWAT, Watertown, was a guest on WNAX's famous "Missouri Valley Barn Dance" in 1953, and had his own radio show on KWAT in 1956; and,

Whereas, Sherwin began his professional career in South Dakota in 1956, and has performed over 10,000 personal appearances throughout most of the United States and Canada; and,

Whereas, Sherwin has written many songs romanticizing his home state of South Dakota, including his 1975 hit, "Dusty Roads & Prairie Towns"; and,

Whereas, Sherwin has recorded over 500 songs that have been released as records, tapes, and CDs, many of which have charted regionally and nationally, he has won several regional and national awards and is in four Halls of Fame, including the National Traditional Country Music Hall of Fame; and,

Whereas, Throughout his career, Sherwin has performed at numerous charitable events and fundraisers, and has given of his talents to groups and individuals; and,

Whereas, Sherwin continues to write and produce new recordings, not only for himself, but also for many new and young artists giving them guidance in their formative years; and,

Whereas, Sherwin is recognized for his enduring friendship and love shared with thousands, and promotes South Dakota and "The American Way" with love and respect for spiritual and family values, honesty and patriotism; and,

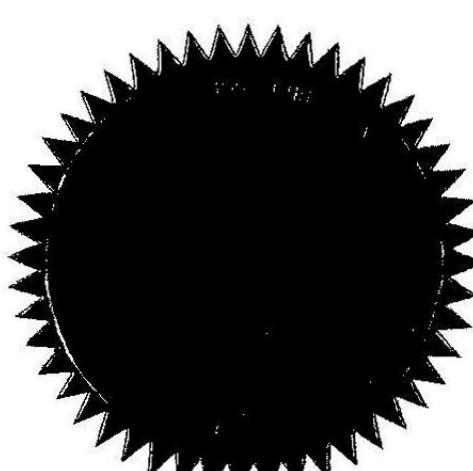
Whereas, Sherwin Linton has been a regular and popular attraction at the South Dakota State Fair for 30 years and it is fitting and proper that he be recognized for his contribution to the entertainment of our citizens:

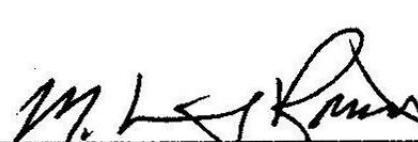
Now, Therefore, I, M, Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 28, 2003, as

SHERWIN LINTON DAY

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.




M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:




Chris Nelson, Secretary of State